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SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TOLD ME HE HAD CONVERSATION THIS MORNING WITH POLISH AMBASSADOR, WHO HAS RECENTLY HAD CONVERSATION WITH KHRUSHCHEV, IN WHICH POLISH AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED FOLLOWING VIEWS. HE THOUGHT MACMILLAN VISIT HAD INTRODUCED SOME FLEXIBILITY INTO SOVIET POSITION AND IN THIS CONNECTION MENTIONED THAT POLES HAD BEEN CONSULTED ON TEXT SOVIET NOTE. IN REPLY TO SWEDE'S QUESTION AS TO JUST WHAT EAST WAS SEEKING IN BERLIN, POLE REPLIED "ITS NEUTRALIZATION." POLE EXPRESSED THREE REASONS FOR RAISING OF BERLIN QUESTION. ONE WAS SITUATION IN BERLIN ITSELF WHICH CAUSED DIFFICULTIES FOR EAST GERMANS. SECOND WAS WEST GERMAN REARMAMENT INCLUDING ROCKETS AND POSSIBLY ATOMIC WEAPONS, AND THIRD WAS WHAT HE CALLED "ADENAUER POLICY" IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED POLISH FEARS OF GERMAN MILITARISM AND REVANCHISM.

WHEN I ASKED SWEDE WHY HE THOUGHT KHRUSHCHEV SEEMED SO CONFIDENT THAT HE COULD GET AWAY WITH HIS PRESENT LINE OF ACTION, HE REPLIED THAT THIS HAD ALSO PUZZLED HIM. IN THIS CONNECTION HE SAID THAT IN CONVERSATIONS WITH SEVERAL DIFFERENT SOVIETS HE HAD RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT THEY EXPECTED SOMETHING TO HAPPEN ABOUT THE TIME THE BERLIN CRISIS REACHED ITS HEIGHT WHICH WOULD GREATLY FACILITATE SOVIET TASK. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS VERY VAGUE AND ONLY AN IMPRESSION AND OF COURSE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO HIM IN DELIBERATE EFFORT TO MISLEAD. WHEN I INQUIRED WHETHER HE THOUGHT THEY HAD IN MIND SOME NEW WEAPON DEVELOPMENT HE REPLIED HE HAD RATHER GOT IMPRESSION SOME NEW POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WERE BEING REFERRED TO

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WITHOUT SPECIFYING SOURCE AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD HEARD RUMOR APROPOS OF MACMILLAN'S EMPHASIS ON NECESSITY FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO EFFECT THAT MACMILLAN HAD GIVEN KHRUSHCHEV COMMITMENT TO WORK FOR SUMMIT MEETING FOLLOWING FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.

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